

MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

23 April 2010

Ms. Hope Grey Information Collection Clearance Officer U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-222 ARLSQ 4401 North Fairfax Drive Arlington VA 22203

Dear Ms. Grey:

The Marine Mammal Commission has reviewed the Federal Register notice regarding continuation of reporting and record-keeping requirements involving the import or export of fishing, wildlife, and plants (75 Fed. Reg. 8732). As stated in the notice, import/export licenses, required under the Endangered Species Act, provide important information that can be used as an enforcement tool and management aid to detect and prevent illegal trade in plant and animal parts. In the Commission's opinion, the collection of such information is essential in meeting the Service's responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act. For these reasons, the Marine Mammal Commission supports the continuation of the Service's requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Ragen, Ph.D. Executive Director